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## E UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Masataka TAMURA et al.

Title:

UNDERWATER LASER PROCESSING

APPARATUS AND UNDERWATER LASER

PROCESSING METHOD

Appl. No.:

10/763,336

Appl. Filing Date:

1/26/2004

Examiner:

Jonathan J. Johnson

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
  - a. Previously submitted:

Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on \_\_\_.

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[ ] sider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_ but not considered.

- [ ] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on
  \_\_\_.
- [ ] Other \_\_\_.
- b. Enclosed are:
- [X] Amendment/Reply.
- [ ] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- [ ] Information Disclosure Statement.
- [ ] Form PTO-1449 with copies of \_\_\_\_ listed reference(s).
- [] Other.

## Miscellaneous:

[ ] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

RCE Fee 1.17(e):	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For	Extra Prese	Claims ent	]	Rate \$790.00	_	Fee Totals \$790.00
Total Claims:	10	-	20	= 0		x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independents	1	-	3	= 0		x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
First p	resentation o	f any	Multiple D	Dependent	Claims:	+	\$360.00	=	\$0.00
				•	CLAIMS	FEE	TOTAL:		\$790.00

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

\$0.00	0	\$120.00	Extension for response filed within the first month:	[]		
\$450.00		\$450.00	Extension for response filed within the second month:	[X]		
\$0.00		\$1,020.00	Extension for response filed within the third month:	[]		
\$0.00		\$1,590.00	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	[]		
\$0.00		\$2,160.00	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	[]		
\$450.00		EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:				
\$0.00	-	EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -				
\$450.00		EXTENSION FEE TOTAL				
\$1240.00		CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:				
\$0.00		[ ] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):				
\$0.00		[ ] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)				
\$1240.00		TOTAL FEE:				

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$1240.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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